

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a railway bridge across the Mississippi river, at the point that has been selected by it for that purpose, from the present terminus of their line of railway on the east bank of the Mississippi river, in the county of La Crosse and state of Wisconsin, to the terminus of their line of railway on the west bank of said river at La Crescent, in the county of Houston and state of Minnesota. *Provided*, That said bridge shall be constructed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under the same, and with at least one span next to the draw of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) feet in length for the passage of rafts. *Provided*, That the railroad company to whom this privilege is granted shall be required to carry freight and passengers on equal and reasonable terms.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1873.

CHAPTER CVII.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN BRANCH LINES OF RAILROAD OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the time for the grading and completion by the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company of its branch lines of railroad, in accordance with the change of such branch lines, authorized in an act of congress of the United States, passed March third, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act authorizing the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to change its line, in consideration of a relinquishment of land" be and the same is hereby extended to and until the first day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the said company so completing the said line within the time in this act limited, shall

have and be entitled to the grant of lands in said act of congress made and provided, and to all and singular the same rights, privileges, immunities, lands and property, as if such lines of railroad had been constructed and put into operation, fully equiped for business within the time heretofore limited by law for the same. *Provided*, That the foregoing extension of time is hereby granted to said railroad company and accepted by it, upon the condition that it will carry freight and passengers over its line upon equal and reasonable terms; *Provided*, That the branch line of said railroad running from St. Cloud to St. Vincent shall run by Sauk Centre, Osakis, Alexandria, Fergus Falls and Glyndon.

SEC. 2. That all persons or their assigns or legal representatives who, in good faith settled upon any of the lands of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, at or prior to the time when the line of said road was definitely fixed and located, with a view to preempt, and who have continued to occupy the same, shall be at liberty to purchase said land at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, if within the ten mile limits of said road, and if without such limits at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. *Provided*, That application theretor, and proof of the right to purchase, shall be made within six months after the fee of said land shall be acquired by said company.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1873.

CHAPTER CVIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY TO BUILD A BRANCH LINE OF THEIR ROAD FROM SAUK CENTRE TO MONTEVIDEO," APPROVED MARCH FOURTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the special laws of (1872) eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows, to-wit: